

DEFENSE WITNESSES BEING HEARD

Martin Traces His Service on Force; Admits Suspension

Accused Officer Recalls Time He Was Intoxicated With Patrolman Clark—Declines Proposition Made by Watson—Character Witnesses Heard—No Waning in Police Probe.

The second phase of the enquiry into the official conduct of Police Sergeant J. Hannibal Martin, alleged to have been in collusion with bootleggers, which was begun late last night, was continued today when the accused officer resumed the stand in his own defense. When the commission rose last night at 11 o'clock Martin had hardly begun his general denial of the charges brought against him. Today he completed his direct evidence and was subjected to searching cross-examination by the complainants' counsel, as well as the attorneys who are representing him.

Martin sought to show by his evidence that there was personal animus engendered against him by those who had appeared before the commission and who had related hearsay and gossip as to irregularities and in some cases specific evidence of unlawful acts during the course of yesterday. The policeman testified that at the November session of the grand jury he had appeared before the grand jury and defined his suspicions relative to Frazier's alleged liquor activities and he explained the frequent use of Frazier's auto serving by saying that all of the other transfer car drivers had been convicted.

Indications pointed at this hour to the hearing lasting a full day as there are a number of character witnesses to be heard in Martin's behalf.

As on yesterday the hearing is being very largely attended, and at 10 o'clock this morning it was impossible to get more than a few feet beyond the door. Most of the spectators are standing upon the benches, others are crowded around in the bar and others are on the rostrum, peering over at the witness who appears before the commission seated on the jury chairs. Smoking is permitted in the courtroom, robbing the probe of its judicial aspects and giving it the appearance of an informal assembly.

When court reconvened, Charles B. Davis, was called to the stand by request. Mr. Davis is a former member of the police commission. He testified that he had known Martin for 10 or 12 years and had never at any time heard anything detrimental to him. Davis was on the stand but a few minutes.

Sergeant Martin again took the chair and resumed his testimony where he left off the night before. He appeared quiet and related without comment on the story of his activities at various times at which collusion with bootleggers was charged. When reference was made to C. I. Thomas' statement that he had delivered a New Design on a specific occasion, the officer made an emphatic denial. He told of alleged personal ill feeling Thomas held toward him because he had told the police commission on the subject of the bootlegging. He said that he had never seen Thomas since that time. He said that he had never seen Thomas since that time. He said that he had never seen Thomas since that time.

Sergeant Martin testified that Shields was later captured by Prohibition Inspector E. Shelton on the information furnished by him (Martin). He said that Shelton had come to him and asked for information how to catch Shields. Martin said he told him what he knew and this resulted in Shields being arrested and convicted.

A letter was read from Dr. J. E. Taylor, chairman of the draft board during the war, which was sent to Sergeant Martin praising him in high terms for his genuine service and cooperation. This was in 1918.

The phase of the case relative to the officers' association with Ruben Frazier was then gone into again. Martin testified that it was at the November term of the criminal court that he went before the grand jury and had a list of names. He said he also told the grand jury of his suspicions toward Frazier, and told them that he was willing to tell all he knew and for hereafter would do everything possible to cause his arrest.

Frazier insisted on a reason being given. The sergeant then testified that he told Frazier that the chief had instructed him not to use his machine, as he suspected him of handling whiskey. The following day Frazier went to Chief Bell and Martin was present. He said that the chief told him that he did not say not to use Frazier's services at all, but said that he meant not to use his car so often. He then alleged that the chief told him it was all right. Martin testified that since that time not only himself, but Chief Bell and other officers had used Frazier's car at various times.

The attorney for the citizens bringing the charge then inferred that Sergeant Martin was enacting the role of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. He asked Martin if he had ever read the book, and officer replied, "I have not."

At this stage of the hearing, counsel for the "citizens" examined a list of names of alleged liquor law violators gotten up by Sergeant Martin covering a period of time from 1917 to the present date. Police blotter Chief Bell made no reference to evidence. During that time Sergeant Martin claimed that either he or men working under his relief had either arrested or testified in the majority of the 576 cases of liquor law violators.

Referring to Frazier again Martin testified that he had not arrested him instead of telling the grand jury that he suspected him and that he would be glad to tell anything he knew in regard to his beliefs. The officer stated that he would have done so in a minute had he had the evidence.

bee commission and told them exactly what had happened and that if they saw fit to discharge, as I had nothing to say other than that I realized that we had done wrong and were sorry that we had ever drank the whiskey. The commission met soon thereafter and suspended us for fifteen days. Since that time I have served regularly and performed my duties as I thought I should."

Sergeant Martin related slowly a detailed account of what took place at that time. Attorney Watson at this point made a proposition to the accused officer, which, he said, if accepted, would result in the case being dropped as it stood and that his influence would be used in retaining him as sergeant. The attorney said, "To show you that no personal ill feeling is involved I make you this proposition," and the attorney proceeded to explain by telling the officer that if he was willing to make a clean statement regarding his associations with Frazier, and pledge that he was willing to show the same disposition in discharging his duties with reference to Frazier and to take the same attitude toward him as he did other alleged bootleggers, that he would withdraw the charges and drop the case as it stood and make every attempt on his part and use every influence to retain his position on the police force.

The proposition was repeated both by request of Martin and the commission. Martin then stated that he had nothing to admit and that he was willing to do his duty as an officer as far as he was capable.

"Are you willing to admit that you have done wrong as indicated by the collection charges," Watson asked. "I am here to tell the truth," calmly and firmly replied the witness. Considerable time was wasted in the reiteration and explanation of the long hypothetical question, the purpose of which appeared to be to induce Martin to confess any wrongdoing of which he may have been guilty in the past, if given assurance of continued tenure of his position.

Sergeant Martin had nothing to do with Frazier's application for permit to carry a revolver. Replying to question, Martin said he would admit it, if he had actually been with Frazier when he delivered liquor. Asked if he would admit it if he had actually been in a collection car, he replied, "I would tell the truth."

Witness firmly denied having gone to W. J. Harris, ex-policeman when latter was an officer and asked him what he would take not to testify in a certain case. Asked as to his attitude toward Frazier, witness said he had stated that he thought Frazier ought to be sent to the "pen" if he were guilty of delivering liquor to so notorious a dive as Will Lee's.

Witness was questioned at some length by Attorney Watson as to the number of times he had arrested Ernest Covington and recalled have arrested him on a charge of attempted robbery, also having served a warrant on him charging him with presenting a bad check but on assurance that the check had been made good the matter was dropped. He had also presented Covington's name to the grand jury as not being of good fame and character.

"Did you try to get Covington removed from his position as jailer?" Answered "I do not recall having done any such thing."

Question at some length as to a trip to Chatham to testify against one Shields, Martin did not deny stopping there at Shields' home en route home by request of Shields, but had nothing to do with Shields while there.

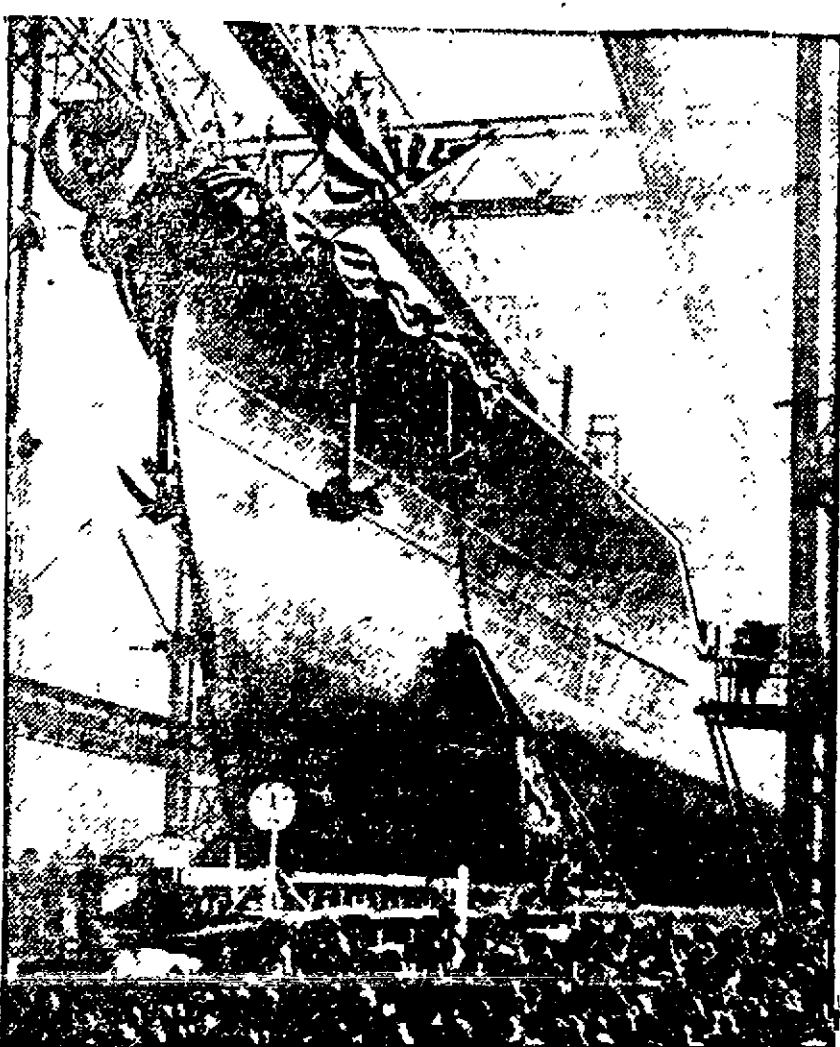
He said that he regarded Shields as one of the worst bootleggers in the city. He added witness was in the stop at Shields' house in every detail except as to having taken a drink there. Witness emphatically denied that.

Sergeant Martin was then asked by Attorney Harris as to his estimate of Sergeant John L. Edwards and gave him an excellent name as an officer and a man. In the same way he was asked for an estimate of Chief of Police Bell and spoke in praise and kindly estimate of that officer, who was a cousin of his and came from the same locality in Henry county.

J. W. Pugh, a former officer in the county, testified as to a raid in which he said it was discovered that Covington had a gallon of liquor under the seat. Witness knew Martin and commended him as an officer and a man.

Attorney Watson asked Pugh if he had ever been arrested. Witness replied that he had been twice arrested once in connection with the killing of a man and a woman, and once in connection with the killing of a man and a woman.

Japan's Latest Man-o'-War



Great crowds attended the launching ceremonies of Japan's newest dreadnought, the "Kaga," recently held at the Kawasaki ship works. Its tonnage is 32,900 and it is classed with the mightiest ships afloat.

Birmingham Seeks Wielder of Axe

Elizabeth College Is Burned Down

(By The Associated Press.)
SARASOTA, Fla., Jan. 26.—Elizabeth College was destroyed by fire today. The sessions will be discontinued, the trustees announced.

Shanting Prospects Appear Brighter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Prospects of a settlement in the Shanting controversy appeared brighter as result of President Harding's intervention. While a decision was awaited from Peking, the conference virtually suspended other activities.

ROBBERY IS REPORTED.

The theft of two pairs of trousers and \$25 in money from rooms occupied by boarders at the home of Miss Sallie P. Terry on Patton street, was reported to the police today. Police Detective Lewis said that he had been unable to make a thorough enquiry into the affair. It is understood that someone entered the premises during the night time and committed the depredations while the victims slept.

Serious Disorders Reported In Cairo

Nearly 200 Killed and 1,000 Injured in Insurrection London Hears.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Jan. 26.—It is reported unofficially that serious disorders have occurred in Cairo, Egypt, 140 persons being killed and over 1,000 injured. British troops quelled the insurrection.

America Losing Farming Prestige

United States Approaching Point Where Adverse Food Balance Is Threatened Says Dr. Ball.

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Four Such Murders Followed by New Attack Leads to General Alarm.

(By The Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 26.—Police are searching for an axe wielder who mortally injured Joe Lorane and his wife in their little barber shop. Four others have been killed here by an axe murderer in the last two months. Lorane said a negro hit him.

Brooklyn Suffers \$200,000 Blaze

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The great plant of the More Drydock and Repair Company, occupying six blocks along the Brooklyn water front, is threatened by fire. The loss is estimated so far as at over \$200,000.

Benedicts Are On the Increase

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The proportion of married men in the country has increased during the last 10 years, the census bureau reports. Massachusetts leads the states in single women and Nevada in single men.

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Labor Calls a Meeting Of Friends

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—A conference here on February 20 to perfect an organization of all factors in public life friendly to labor has been called by the American Federation of Labor.

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No cases of influenza have been reported here since the epidemic of last winter. A statement issued by the health department today said that the city is not expected to have a flu epidemic this winter.

Wedding License Issued

A wedding license has been issued to a couple who were married in a ceremony at the Danville Hotel. The couple are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Torrell.

Their Honeymoon Brings Up Against Train of Mishaps

No Arrests Made In City Yesterday

Whatever else the police commission accomplishes in its present enquiry it would appear that it has had the effect of staying the hand of crime. Not a single arrest was made in Danville during the course of yesterday and last night. This morning the police court docket book did not contain a single entry and so Mayor Wooding found it unnecessary to convene court.

Nearly all of the policemen are witnesses and thus yesterday they found it impossible to be at their appointed places in the city. Even the traffic cops had quit the corner of Union and Main streets and was still deserted.

The commission's enquiry into charges became the major topic of discussion everywhere yesterday, and the matter is still being debated. In some quarters the belief prevails that certain ends of the hearing will lead inevitably to the grand jury room when that body is next assembled.

Another suggestion which is being made is that the city purchase a police automobile to be used as patrol wagon and also for the use of officers in making raids, thereby eliminating the necessity of officers hiring automobiles.

Mercury Drops to 13 Lowest Since 1917

The thermometer early today went to the lowest point reached since the winter of 1917. Thirteen degrees was the minimum point reached by the instrument at the Patton street station. In more exposed quarters about the city the mercury was down to ten and to twelve degrees before daylight. There is ice on both sides of the river, and if the present low temperature continues the possibility of river skating is already seen—something that life has not had for ten or twelve years.

The usual epidemic of frozen water pipes is being contended with, although the real trouble will not begin until a thaw set in. The cold weather is delaying work on the Masonic Temple and for several days it has been found impossible to pour concrete on the upper floors.

Soldier Says He Was Discharged

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Declaring he had been robbed and discharged as an employee of the veterans bureau after testifying before the Senate committee investigating charges that soldiers were illegally hanged, Charles P. Green, of Minneapolis, made complaint to Senator Watson today. Chairman Brandegee said Green was the witness who had called Frazier a liar and said that he would rather be a member of the I. W. W. than the American Legion.

Body of Pope is Buried in Crypt

Miller Building Loss Is Adjusted

The fire loss in the Miller building has been finally adjusted and settlements have been made not only with the owner of the structure, but also those who occupied quarters there and who insured their property. The amount of the settlement, \$110,000, was paid today, it was learned.

The contractor has already started work on rebuilding the building, and it will be restored as rapidly as possible. It is proposed to build a fire-resisting wall between the stores of Jacob Drug Company and J. F. Bicknell, so that in the future if one should start in either store, it will be contained. At the time of the fire a job and plaster wall divided the two stores.

Mrs. Bliss To Be Buried Today

The remains of Mrs. R. M. Bliss, deceased from New York yesterday evening and who was removed to the care of her brother J. T. Torrell at Danville, will be buried today.

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Bride Here Penniless and Stranger, Husband in Rochester Hospital Without Funds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Alone, penniless and unaccompanied by a stranger city, racked with anxiety as to the condition of her husband who now lies in a serious condition in the General Hospital in Rochester, Mrs. Edward Sheppard sits in her room at the Hotel Pennsylvania a tragic picture of a bride.

They reached New York on their honeymoon on Sunday evening and put up at the Pennsylvania. They had come on from Washington, having been married in Richmond January 9, and made the capital their first stop. Sheppard had \$1,800 in bank pay coming to him from the army paymaster.

He planned to get the money and after a few days' sight seeing to take his bride to New York for a week, after which they would return to Petersburg, Va., where they were to make their home.

In Washington, however, Sheppard contracted a bad case of tonsillitis and Sunday the couple decided to go to New York without waiting to see the paymaster. Monday Sheppard started for Washington, telling Mrs. Sheppard he would be back by Tuesday at the latest. That same night he was found by the Rochester police wandering about in a dazed condition and asking the way to the "Hotel Pennsylvania, where my bride is." He was taken to the General Hospital and from there to Rochester yesterday.

But Sheppard is without funds, for when he arrived at the hospital not a cent of more than \$50 he had with him when he had paid his fare west.

Yesterday Mrs. Sheppard wired to her sister, Mrs. H. L. Mann, in Petersburg, for financial assistance to enable her to go to Rochester and take her husband back to Virginia, where he has a garage business in Petersburg, stopping at Washington and get that \$1,800 which was the cause of all the trouble.

"Oh, this is an awful end of our honeymoon," Mrs. Sheppard said to a newspaper reporter. "I am sure Ed must have been knocked away from the head and his money taken away from him for he would not have made such a fearful mistake otherwise. I could get lost very easily, for I do not know a soul here and have never been far from home; but he is a soldier and has been in France."

He told her that he came from Woodstock, Va., that his father and mother were dead. He said he had a young brother in a New York bank and that Finley Sheppard was his uncle.

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19-Pound Wildcat Caught In Wythe

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Jan. 25.—A wildcat or bay lynx, weighing nineteen pounds, and lean and lank, was caught in Walkers' Mountain, near here, by Fred C. Main last Friday. It was the biggest bob-cat caught in these parts. It is said, by many, that Main brought it to Wytheville, tied to the top of his Ford roadster by its hind feet. Its fore feet nearly touched the ground. It was left on Main street all day Saturday and was called, wildcat, bob-cat, panther, puma, cougar, lynx, mountain lion, catamount and catamountain, on account of its size, by the various village "woodsman."

Mr. Main caught the lynx near his lumber camp in a No. 3 triple clutch wolf trap.

WEATHER FORECAST
For Virginia: Cloudy on the coast and fair in the interior tonight and probably Friday. Slightly rising temperature in the interior.

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Jury Tasted, Took Bottle Out Of Court

On Return from Deliberations the Cork Rattled Dismally Within the Glazed Void—'Twas Liquor, All Right and the Verdict Was 'Not Guilty'

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Mary White, Jimmy Burns, Albert Bart, Jim Abbott and Bill Manuse were on trial yesterday in the United States District court in Brooklyn for bootlegging or something. Judge Harland B. Howe, of Vermont, U. S. A., was hearing the case.

Assistant Federal Attorney Peter Brancato had reserved a government chemist as his last witness.

"Oh, what's the use of that?" asked Judge Howe. "That's a waste of per on whisky. Open up a bottle of this whisky, Mr. Brancato, and let the

chemist smell it."

Of course, no assistant federal attorney goes about these days with a corkerew in his possession. None of the jury had a corkerew and Mr. Brancato was forced to the expedient of jamming the cork down the throat of the bottle with a pocket-knife.

"Now smell that stuff, Mr. Expert," said Judge Howe.

Mr. Expert placed the bottle to his nose, sniffed, closed his eyes ecstatically, took another sniff and, thrusting the bottle from him, whispered weakly:

"That's whisky!"

"All right," said Judge Howe. "Now pass the bottle to the jury."

The bottle entered the jury box. Juror No. 12 (the last shall be first) took the quart of Old Continental Kentucky whisky in both hands, gazed fondly into its big, open, old-fashioned face, sniffed at it casually, nodded judiciously and passed it on to No. 11.

What did No. 11 do?

No. 11 did what No. 12 did. He sniffed and passed.

No. 9 passed.

No. 9 couldn't make it.

No. 8 sniffed and passed the orphan child along to No. 7, and then something happened.

No. 7 sniffed the contents of the bottle. A look of pained surprise overspread his broad, swarthy, honest, handsome American face. Then, gently, almost as if he were in a trance, he raised the bottle to his lips and took a drink.

He held the bottle off at arm's length, looked hard at it for an instant, remarked "Ah," more to himself than to any one else, took a second drink and passed it on to No. 6.

Four jurors of the remaining six sampled the whisky, and then both sides agreed that "the evidence was all in."

It was up to the jury.

Judge Howe told the jurors they'd better take the evidence with them. They did. An hour later they returned from their deliberations. The bottle was empty, save for the cork, which rolled around homeless, like an original idea in a bapper's head.

"Are they guilty?" asked Judge Howe, who hasn't any more use for red tape than a minister has for a corkerew.

"They are not guilty," replied the foreman in a rich, deep bassed pronunciation.

So live that some day you'll get on the jury.

Bootleggers Tread Old Warship's Hulk

PENNA., Pa., Jan. 25.—When the old battleship Massachusetts was sunk off here last year by coast artillery runners it was thought she was a total loss, but the ingenuity of bootleggers has revived the old fighter's usefulness.

The vessel at low tide is lying in and about 14 feet of water and part of the bulk projects above the surface. Prohibition enforcement agents, noting that the vessel suddenly had become a popular fishing ground investigated.

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\$15.00 COATS \$6.85

Ladies' fine all Wool Coats, some with fur collars in greys, browns, taupe, etc. Values up to \$15. Clean Up

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Ladies' Coats, all this season's best values, priced from \$22.50 to \$30.00. Clean Up Price

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Ladies' all wool tricotine and serge Dresses, values up to \$15.00. Clean Up Price

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Ladies' tricotine, pocket twill and serge Dresses, values up to \$25.00. Clean Up Price

\$15.00

SUITS

One lot Ladies Suits, values up to \$18.50 at **\$10.00**
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for **\$15.00**
Ladies' Singer Brothers' \$50.00 Suits for **\$25.00**

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Men's and Boys' Heavy Sweaters in all good dark colors, values up to \$2.00, Clean Up Price **98c**
Men's Heavy Wool Sweaters, cut in price

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Full cut Blue Chambray Work Shirts at Clean Up Sale Price **65c**
Flannel Shirts made of cotton at Clean Up Sale Price **68c**
\$3.00 Two-Pocket Wool Shirts in the government color khaki. Clean Up **\$1.98**

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One lot Blue Chambray Work Shirts in values up to \$1.00 each to go on sale Friday morning at 9 o'clock Clean Up Price of **50c**

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Boys' Ribbed Union Suits, best \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, all sizes at Clean Up Price **65c**

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Wright's health and Copper Spring medium weight Union Suits at special price during this sale.

WORK GLOVES

Mens Hog Skin Work Gloves **25c**
at **48c**
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\$1.00 Tough Hide Work Gloves **98c**
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35c HOSE 10c

Ladies' fine seamless Hose, 35c Value Clean Up Sale Price **10c**

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Ladies' full fashion Silk Hose in black, cordovan, etc. \$2.50 value at **\$1.65**
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NORTH CAROLINA WOOL BLANKETS AT CLEAN-UP SALE

11-4 Cotton Blankets, Clean Up Sale Price **\$1.65**
Elkin 11-4 and 12-4 Wool Nap Blankets, Clean Up Sale **\$3.65**
Elkin 11-4 and 12-4 Wool Blankets in fancy plaids values up to \$6.00. Clean Up Sale Price **\$5.00**
\$10.00 Elkin Blankets, Clean Up Sale Price **\$6.95**
\$25.00 Elkin Blankets, Clean Up Sale Price **\$8.75**

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Esmond Crib Blankets in animal Patterns, Clean Up Price **85c**
36x50 Esmond Blankets for Clean Up Sale Price **\$1.18**

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MEN'S SUITS, \$10.00

Men's Wool Suits in all sizes and good styles Clean up Prices **\$10.00**

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Men and young men Suits made of finest quality worsteds, suitings, serges, etc., regular \$25.00 values. Clean Up Sale **\$16.85**

BAYS' SUITS

About 200 Boys' Suits, only one or two of a kind, some of all sizes in lot. Go on sale Friday morning at **\$3.85 and \$4.98**

HATS AT CLEANUP PRICES

Men's and Boys Hats in new shapes values up to \$2.00, slightly soiled from dust at Clean Up Prices **98c**
Men's Hats, worth up to \$3.00 at **\$1.85**
Men's Hats in best colors and styles values up to \$4.00 at **\$2.85**



Bargains in Silk Dept.

One table remnant silks, including yard wide Taffeta in black and colors, Messaline, Georgette, Crepe de Chine, etc., in odds and ends. Remnants of silk worth up to \$2.50 to go on sale Friday morning at 9 o'clock at Clean Up Price of **95c**

81 Inch Sheeting 25c

81-inch seamless brown Sheeting, 45c values at Clean Up Price of **25c**

40-INCH SEA ISLAND SHEETING 10c

40-inch, Sea Island Sheeting, smooth finish, 15c quality. Clean Up Sale Price **10c**

\$6.00 Sweaters Less Than Half

Ladies' Tuxedo Sweaters, values that add up to \$5.00 and \$6.00. Clean Up Price of **\$2.85**

Wool Remnants

Wool Goods, Serges, etc., at Clean Up Price

Dress Gingham 10c

One table short lengths in odds and ends of Dress Gingham in 27 and 32-inch values up to 25c. Clean Up Sale Price **10c**

Serge 48c

36-inch Navy Blue and Black Serge Clean Up Sale Price **48c**

Winter Underwear, Ladies' Suits 68c

Ladies' \$1.25 fine ribbed pure white Union Suits, Clean Up Sale Price **68c**

Children's Suits 48c

Childrens fine ribbed pure white Suits, \$1.00 values. Clean Up Sale Price **48c**

ENTIRE STOCK SHOES GREATLY REDUCED

In addition to Reduction in Prices on Regular Shoes we have arranged the following:

Bargain Shoe Tables

TABLE NO. 1

One table Misses and Children's Suffer Shoes in Tans, blacks, etc. Not a shoe in the lot worth less than \$3 at Clean Up Prices **\$1.98**

TABLE NO. 2

Ladies' and Misses' high top Shoes, values up to \$5.00 in all sizes of blacks and tans at Clean-Up Price **\$2.85**

TABLE NO. 3

One table Ladies' high top Shoes, values up to \$7, made of real Russian Calf, vici kid, etc., at Clean Up Sale Prices **\$3.85**

TABLE NO. 4

Men's high grade all leather Dress Shoes in blacks and tans English and Bluchers, values up to \$6.00. Clean Up Sale Price **\$3.85**

TABLE NO. 5

One table Mens Shoes, including outing Shoes and various odds and ends, accumulation of our stock for Clean Up Sale Price **\$1.98**

TABLE NO. 6

One table Men's Heavy Shoes—some of all sizes in blacks and tans—A clean-up sale price of **\$2.65**

ARMY SHOES \$3.98

Men's Munson Last, all leather, Army Shoes regular \$6.00 values **\$3.98**

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Rubbers in all styles and sizes for men, ladies, misses and children at Clean Up Sale Prices.

EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Cotton Mills Are Interested In Duty

MANHATTAN, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The cotton mill industry of the United States is deeply interested in the tariff on cotton goods...

"30 Or 40" Drinks, Then She Married

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Details of a three-day Greenwich Village spree which ended with her marriage to a naval lieutenant of Yonkers were revealed in supreme court here today...

Bull Brings Home His Fugitive Wife

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A Herman Bull, teller in the Manhattan bank who a week ago applied to the press for aid in finding his wife and child missing since the first of the year...

Decoys Sheriff by Phone and Slips by With Liquor

WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 25.—Called to a point on the Shenandoah valley highway by two men south of town, Sheriff Fannett reported this morning that he was nearly captured by a party of men who were fighting and threatening to kill each other...

Portsmouth High Plays Here Tonight

The Woodrow Wilson high school of Portsmouth will tonight play the Danville high school basketball team here at 8 o'clock.

Boy's School Blouses 69c 98c

Outing Flannel 10c 15c 25c

Women's Outing Flannel NIGHT GOWNS \$1.48

Child's Outing Flannel Gowns 49c 29c

Women's Bungalow APRONS Special 98c

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Women's Fancy Kimonos \$1.98

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Women's Silk Waists \$1.98 Women's Sweater Coats \$3.69

Knit Underwear Women's 98c Union Suits at 69c

EIGHT

Cereals and Foods Will Be Lowered

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The United States must expect strong competition in the world market for grain during the coming year, according to a survey of the foreign trade in agricultural products issued tonight by the commerce department.

For several years, the department explained, Europe has been plucking an enormous diverse trade balance, so that during the coming year two factors will affect the American market for agricultural products. One will be the ability of Europe to buy under her present limited export trade, and the other the competition which this country may feel from other countries with a surplus of these products.

The gradual lowering of prices throughout the world in the important food products during the past year, the department continued, has caused general agricultural distress in practically all of the surplus-producing countries, such as those in South America and Australia, Canada and the United States.

"At present," the department said, "indications are that Europe will continue its heavy demand for cereals at least to the end of this crop year, but with the incoming of very large new crops from Argentina and Australia, which should reach Europe in full volume about the first of March, and the large stable supply of wheat still in Canada, the trade is likely to shift to these countries. The exportable surplus of the United States is getting low, and domestic prices are suffering in comparison with competing countries. The agricultural distress in South America and Australia will no doubt be a large factor in the wheat market for the next three months."

FINAL VOTE ON REFUNDING BILL EXPECTED TODAY

Economic Condition Abroad Discussed—Bills Constitutionalality Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Discussion of economic conditions in Europe and an attack on the constitutionality of the measure marked Senate debate today on the allied debt refunding bill. Chairman McCumber, of the finance committee, in charge of the measure, told the Senate before adjournment that he hoped to get a final vote tomorrow.

The situation in Europe was brought into the debate by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, who declared that "the key to the policy" there was the economic destruction of the German people. He declared that while the treaty of Versailles "represents the law of Europe" it would be futile for the United States to seek a satisfactory adjustment of the foreign debt and they any assistance that this country might seek to render European nations would be of little avail.

If the treaty of Versailles were revised and the allied nations reduced their armies even to a reasonable extent, Senator Borah said, those nations not only could meet the interest payments due the United States, but could retire part of the principal of the debt as well.

Under present conditions, he said, no man could say when the debtor nations could begin to pay interest, adding that it was proper for him to call attention that so long as present policies were pursued in Europe, "we are justified in transferring this debt matter on a purely business basis."

A constitutional point against the bill was raised by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, who argued that by means of it Congress was transferring power from the president to the secretary of the treasury. He quoted the agreement which would be entered into between the United States and the debtor nations would be in fact treaties and declared under the constitution the negotiations could be conducted only by the president.

Senator McCumber and others disputed this contention, the finance committee chairman arguing that the demand obligations which were to be refunded were the property of the United States and that Congress alone had authority to dispose of government property.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 25.—Arguments will not be complete until tomorrow morning in the trial of Charles E. Snipes, charged with the murder of D. B. Mercer.

The All American Family



VERSUS RICHARD AT ROTARY MEETING

One of the enjoyable features at the meeting of the Rotary Club last Tuesday evening at the Hotel Burton was the recitation of Little Miss Linda Waddill, younger daughter of Senator W. W. Waddill, of the following verses:

Some fellows' dads seem awful old, An' talk like they was going to scold, An' their hair's all gone an' they never grin, Or holler an' shout when they come in.

They don't get out in the street an' play, The way mine does at the close of day, It's just as fun as it can be, But my dad doesn't seem old to me.

He doesn't look old, an' he throws a ball, Just like a boy, with the curves an' all, An' he knows the kids by their first names, too, An' says they're just like the boys he knew.

Some of the fellows are scared plumb when their fathers are near 'em an' act as if They was doing wrong if they made a noise, But my dad seems to be one of the boys.

It's funny, but, somehow, I never can Think of my dad as a grown-up man, He doesn't frown an' he doesn't scold, An' he doesn't act as though he was old.

He talks of the things I want to know, Just like one of our gang, an' so, When we're out, it seems that he Is more like a pal than a dad to me.

Little Miss Linda received a storm of applause and a nice box of candy for her contribution to the evening's program.

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VIRGINIA RAPPE WAS SUBJECT TO SEVERE ATTACKS

Several Testify That Actress Drank Liquor Which Caused Convulsions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, suffered from apparent severe attacks of illness prior to the party at which the prosecution contends she was injured fatally by Roscoe C. Arbuckle, according to testimony today at Arbuckle's second trial on a manslaughter charge arising from her death.

The defense is attempting to prove that Miss Rappe's death was due to a chronic condition and not to any act of Arbuckle.

Eugene W. Presbury, scenario writer of Hollywood, Calif., testified that in March, 1917, he met Miss Rappe in a public room in a Hollywood hotel. He saw her drink two glasses of a French cordial and a few minutes later she was in convulsions, he said.

"I was so fool to drink the liquor for it always affects me that way," Miss Rappe said upon her recovery, according to the witness.

J. M. Covington, cafe proprietor of Venice, Calif., said that he saw Miss Rappe in the cafe in May 1918, with Henry Lehman, a motion picture director, and after drinking some liquor she went outside "tearing her clothes and shrieking in pain."

Mrs. Annie Portwell, who said she lived on a ranch near Selma, Calif., testified that Miss Rappe, her manager, Al Semmner and a mutual friend, Mrs. Bambina Maud Delmont visited her home while on the way from Los Angeles to San Francisco a day before the Arbuckle party.

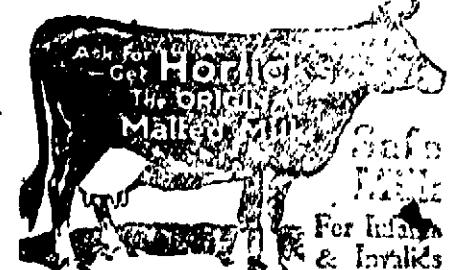
"We were out riding in my car," when Miss Rappe said, please stop the car if you do not want me to die," Mrs. Portwell said. "She left the car all doubled-up and drank a quantity of a dark-colored liquor from a glass bottle. She said it was an herb tea."

Fred Fischbach, Los Angeles motion picture director, and room-mate of Arbuckle during the party, testified that "Miss Rappe gave indications of being intoxicated" at the party. He denied having said in a former statement that Miss Rappe was "in agony."

The defense announced today that "unless compelled to do so" it would not put Arbuckle on the stand. There were certain circumstances, however, that might work to compel his testimony, it was stated, by Gavin McNab, chief of defense counsel.

OBTAINS ADDITIONAL COUNSEL

MACON, Ga., Jan. 25.—Announcement was made here today that A. H. Stewart, former city treasurer, has obtained additional counsel in the person of John F. Ross, former solicitor of the court, at his second trial on charge of embezzlement, which begins tomorrow.



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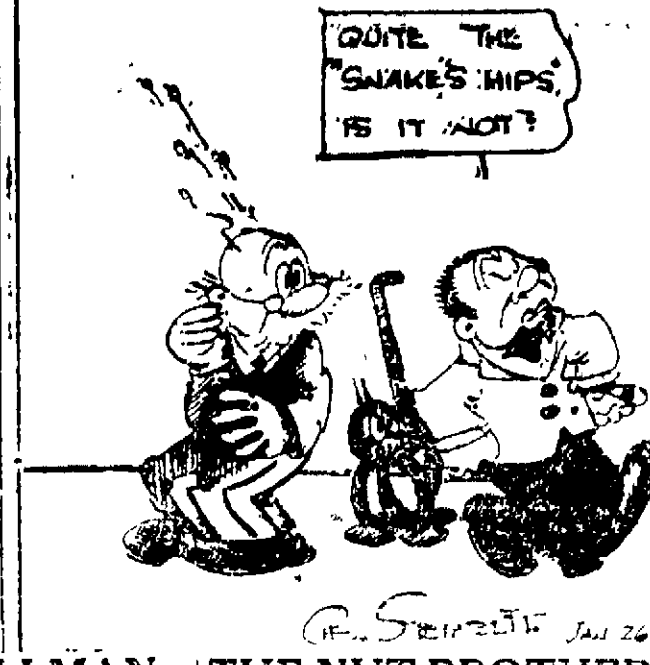
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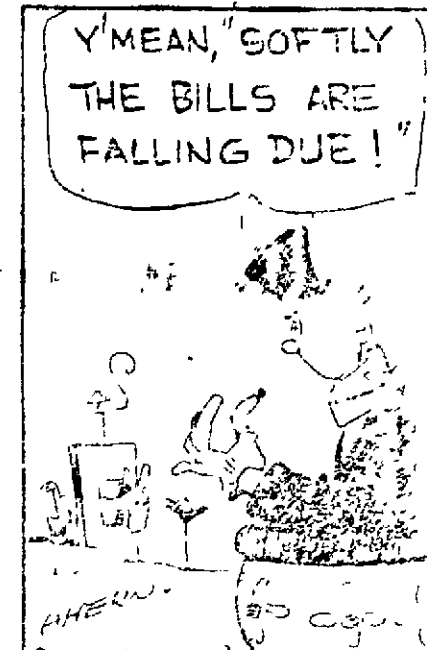
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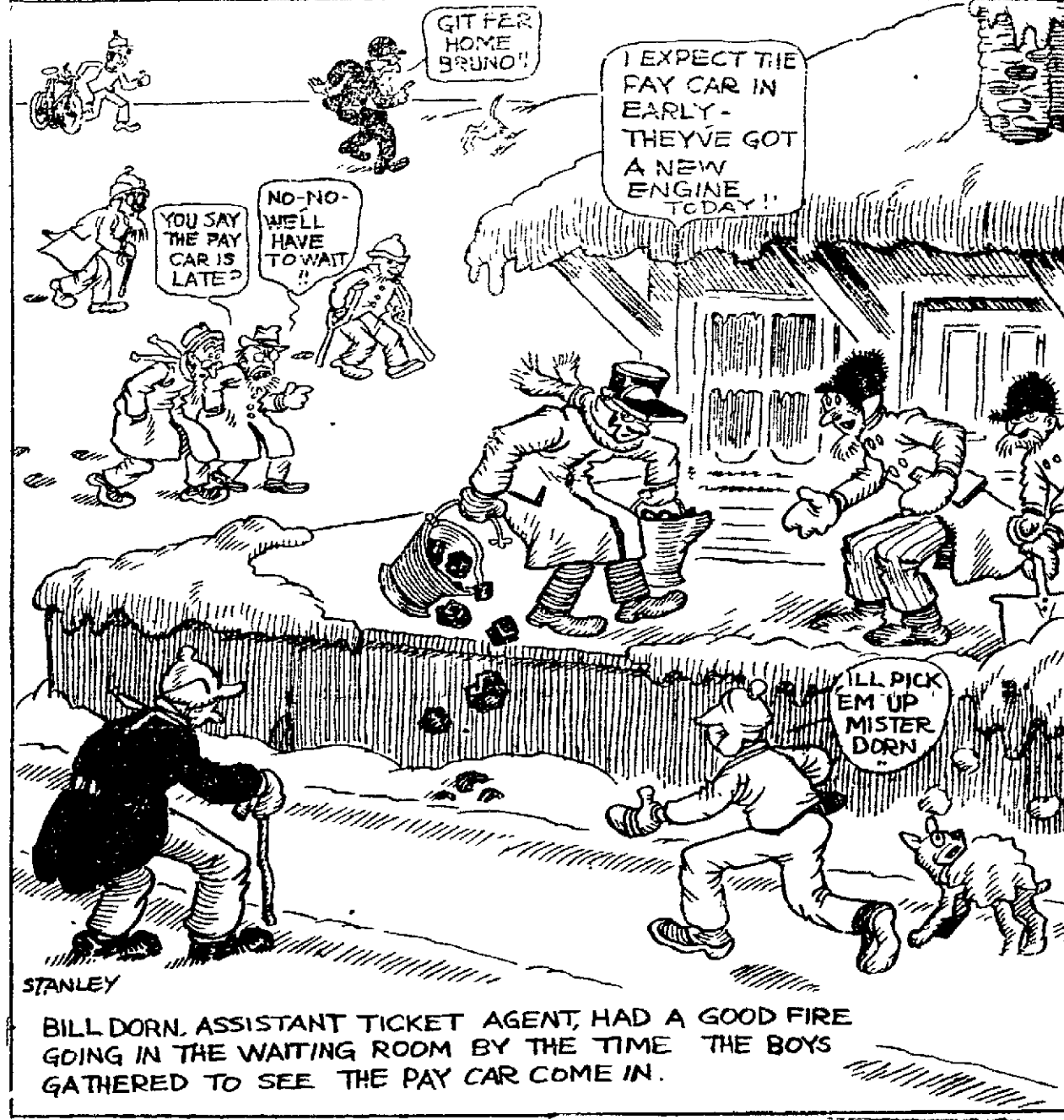
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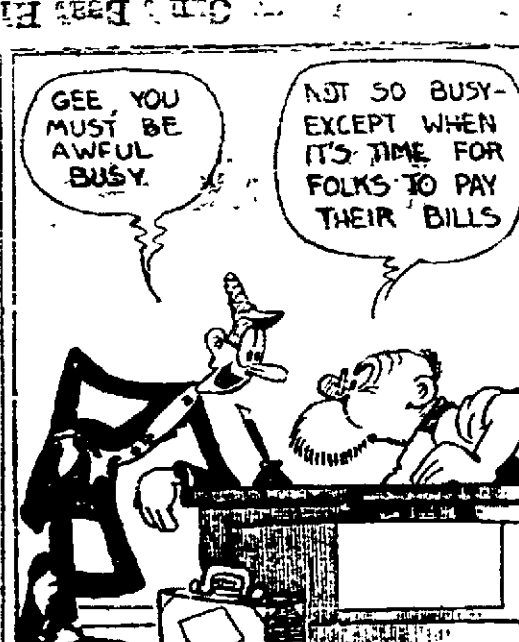
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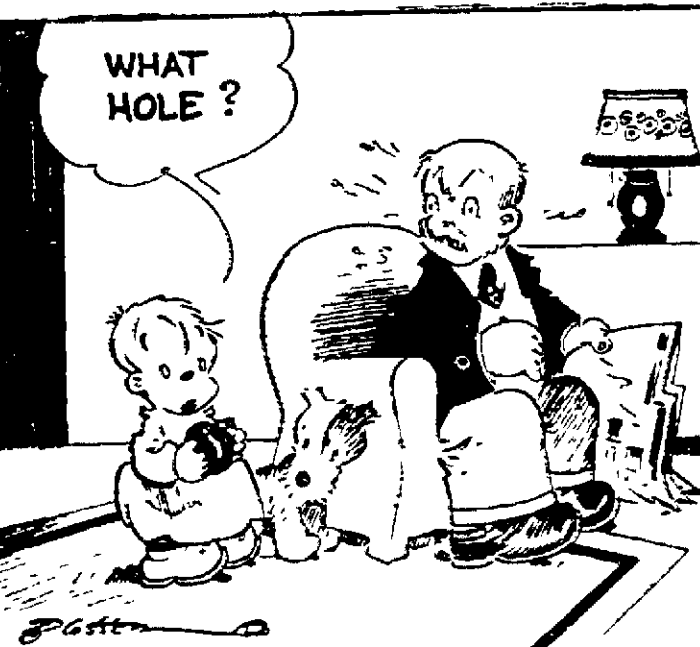
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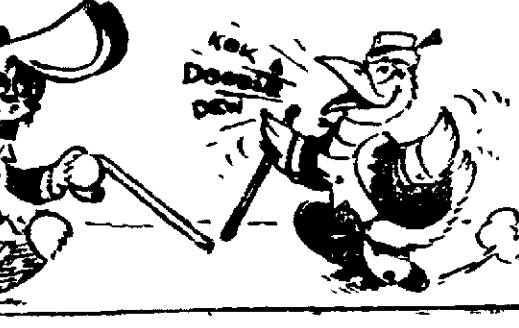
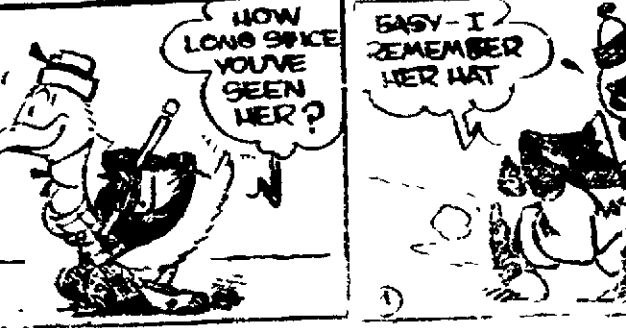
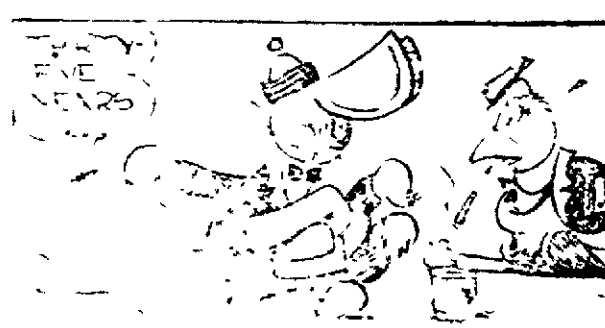
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Halifax Postoffice Is In Doubt

By GEORGE H. MANNING.
(Washington Correspondent of The Danville Bee.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—There is a spirited contest under way to secure the postmaster appointment at Dublin, Va., county and Dunbarton, Scott county. The salary at Dublin is \$1,700 a year, while that at Dunbarton is \$1,000.

When examinations were held by the Civil Service Commission on January 14 to secure eligibles for these appointments, six candidates, five men and one woman, took the test at Dublin, and five candidates, four men and one woman, took the test at Dunbarton.

The candidates at Dublin were: Theo. D. Rorer, Thomas A. Rorer, William H. McLeod, Mrs. Shillie C. Jordan, Frederick Y. Woodward, and C. H. R. Hatcher.

The candidates at Dunbarton were: Charles R. Frady, Benjamin T. Culbertson, Roger B. Greene, James S. Castle, Mrs. Ora M. Collins.

For the postmastership at Halifax, three candidates were eligible. One, Miss Margaret L. Levy, while three candidates, Mrs. Muriel M. Crews, William T. Taber, and William C. Crews, took the test for the postmaster appointment at Madison Heights, Amherst county. The examination at this place was also conducted on January 14.

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Why Big Coal Strike is Sure

(The following article by Herbert Hoover is an authoritative statement on the government's position on the present trying for several weeks to get miners and operators together. In this article he explains why he considers a strike now is inevitable.)

BY HERBERT HOOVER
Secretary of Commerce

Much as we all regret it, I believe a great strike of soft coal miners to be inevitable for the following reasons:

One—About 20 per cent. of the mines are non-union. These operators have been able to adjust their wage scales downward, thus enabling them to keep down the cost of production and to grab off the cream of the trade during the past year at the expense of the unionized mines and miners.

The non-union operators have been enabled to give their miners more steady employment, while the union miners worked on the average only 132 days of the year, which at \$7.50 average minimum wage per day would give them but \$1,265 a year.

But this is not the worst of it. This average of 132 days employment has not been evenly distributed. Many union miners have worked far less than 132 days, so that many of them have had a bare living, others less than an existence.

Loss of business to the union mines has naturally depressed the operators, while the sight of non-union miners getting steadier employment did not tend to raise the spirits of the union miners.

No Wage Agreement
Two—No wage settlement, as I see it, between the union miners and their operators can correct this fact of the non-union mines. Again many operators feel they cannot attend a wage conference because of the injunction issued by Federal Judge Anderson at Indianapolis.

But the coal problem is much broader than the foregoing. The operators feel that it is due to the high price of American coal, caused by high wages and high transportation costs, that we have lost our foreign export coal trade, which was normally 1,500,000 tons the month and which occasionally reached a maximum of three million tons. All that is gone now.

England is actually exporting coal to our coast where she has not before sold for 20 years. Trans-Atlantic ships no longer bunker at our ports but carry their entire coal supply from the European side.

Inventions Save Coal
Then again, the high price of coal during the war and since, has brought into use great coal-saving inventions, expensive grates and the like, which have vastly prevented waste of fuel, but which when coal was cheaper, were not considered economically necessary. The result has been to considerably reduce the demand for coal.

Independent ironmasters claim too, that the high price of coal is an important factor in reducing economic and industrial reconstruction by increasing the price of iron products and thus keeping the producer from buying.

Now to all this President Lewis of the coal miners' union replies that he cannot consent to any wage reduction and, indeed, feels that an increase is necessary.

For these reasons I feel a coal strike is inevitable.

CAPTAIN AND EIGHT OF CREW
LOST IN WRECK OF MOD

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Agents of the Norwegian steamer Mod, which sank in mid-ocean last week while on her maiden voyage, today were advised that Captain Waerli and eight of his men were missing. It previously had been reported that they had been picked up by the George Washington.

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It is unusual to find robins in the mountains of southwest Virginia in January. The wise men here say that the winter has not been severe enough to drive them south or else they have ventured back north far earlier than ever known here before.

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